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1. International Network of Liberal Women

(Special; 2003)

PART I. Introduction

The aims and purposes of the organization and its main course of action

International Network of Liberal Women (INLW) aims to promote the ideas of liberal democracy world wide, focusing on both national and international levels. We see the equal representation of women in all decision-making processes as essential to this development. We therefore encourage and help all our members to participate actively in all the decision-making processes in their home countries.

We further aim to attack all gender discriminatory practices which impede women participating as full citizens in whatever form they appear, whether physical, civic, economic or legal. We strongly support the aims of the United Nations and Economic and Social Council, and work to promote national adoption and implementation of the United Nations conventions designed to protect and to advance women's status world-wide.

Any change that may have had a significant impact on the organization vision.

b) While the Organization's aims and purposes remained the same, and amendment approved by the General Assembly on 11 November 2006, establishing five delegations in Asia, Africa, South America and Europe, extended the geographical coverage of our activities and facilitated cooperation with NGOs with similar objectives in these regions.

PART II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2003: Representatives attended the following meetings: 56 th Annual Department of Public Information Non Governmental Organizations Conference (DPI/NGO) "Human Security and Dignity: Fulfilling the promise of the United Nations", (New York, United States of America 8-10 September 2003), Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) (New York, United States of America, 30 June-25 July 2003); 59 th Session of the Human Rights Commission (Geneva, Switzerland 17 March-26 April).

2004: Representatives attended the following meetings: 48th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the 21 century" (New York, United States of America ,15 March-27 April), 60 th Session of the Commission on Human Rights Commission (Geneva, Switzerland, 15 March-27 April 2004), Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 10-year Review of Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, (Geneva, Switzerland, 14-15 December 2004).

2005: Representatives attended 49th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) "Review and appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (New York, United States of America, 28 February-11 March 2005) and our organisation submitted an oral statement entitled "Women's participation in Peace building" and a written statement entitled "Necessary Institutional mechanisms and reforms for the effective implementation of women's advancement". 61st Session of the Commission on Human Rights (Geneva, Switzerland, April 2005)".

2006: Representatives attended 50th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the 21 century" (New York, United States of America, 27 February-10 March 2006) and our organisation submitted an oral statement entitled "Peace and women, indispensable factors in the development "and a written statement entitled "Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels". Representatives attended the 59th Annual Department of Public Information Non Governmental Organizations Conference (DPI/NGO) Unfinished Business: "Effective Partnerships for Human Security and Sustainable Development" (New York, United States of America 6-8 September 2006). Our organization attended 62nd Session of the Commission on Human Rights (Geneva, Switzerland, 27 March 2006).

iii). Millennium Development Goals:

The organization contributed Millennium Development Goals in the following geographical regions:

Goal 3. Promote gender equality and empower women. Participation in a skill workshop for women's empowerment, (Johannesburg, South Africa the 12-14 December 2003). Organization of Local conferences and round tables: Round tables "Women and leadership", (Barcelona, Spain, 23 January 2004). Women's participation implementing gender equality and women's empowerment, (Barcelona, Spain, 19 April 2006).

Biannual Liberty Prize in Barcelona, Spain.

Assistance to Peace building Conference, San Sebastian, Spain 23 and 24 October 2006).

Declaration presented in INLW Meeting "Trafficking in Human Beings", (Cancun, Mexico, 29-30 April 2007).

Declaration presented in INLW Meeting "Women's participation in economy declaration for sustainable development", (Marrakech, Morocco, 11 November 2006).

Declaration presented in INLW Meeting" Women's, Population, changing demographics and migration" (Philippines, 21 June 2006).

Goal 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Declaration presented in INLW Meeting "The fight against poverty: beyond the consensus of Washington" (Costa Rica, 6 November 2004).

Activities in Support of Global Principles. "World Women's Day was participated each 8 March during the years 2003-2006 by the organization.

2. International Women's Health Coalition

(Special; 1995)

I. Introduction

The International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC) works to generate health and population policies, programs, and funding that promote and protect the rights and health of girls and women worldwide. IWHC seeks to ensure that:

- women are equally and effectively engaged in decisions that concern their sexual and reproductive rights and health;
- women experience a healthy and satisfying sexual life free from discrimination, coercion, and violence;
- women can make free and informed choices about childbearing; and
- women have access to the information and services they need to enhance and protect their health.

IWHC's regional programs provide financial and professional support to organizations and leaders in Asia (Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Turkey), Africa (Nigeria, Cameroon), and Latin America (Brazil, Peru). In each region, IWHC invests in region-wide initiatives that extend the country programs' impact, and support two Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) networks outside these regions, one in Eastern and Central Europe, and one in North Africa and the Middle East. The international SRHR policy work focuses on reshaping HIV/AIDS policies and budgets to more effectively empower and protect women and girls against HIV/AIDS by protecting their SRHR.

IWHC works in three ways to influence the health and population policies of governments, donors, and international agencies:

- provide professional assistance and financial support to local organizations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America;
- advocate in intergovernmental forums and collaborate with international agencies to generate policies and resource flows that reaffirm and implement global SRHR agreements; and
- inform professional and public debates in the United States of America and abroad through policy analyses, reports on effective programs and strategies, media work, a website, and other outreach.

IWHC is supported by private foundations and individuals based in the United States and Europe, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and several European governments. Its sources of funding have not changed substantially since 2003.

IWHC has maintained their commitment to ensure that the Board of Directors is comprised of international members. Currently on the Board there is representation from the United States, Latin America, Western Europe, Africa and Asia.

II. Contribution to the work of the United Nations

i. Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings.

2003 - 36th Session of the Commission on Population and Development, 29 March - 5 April 2003, New York City, United States of America (attendance and statement made)

2004 - 37th Session of the Commission on Population and Development: 22-26 March 2004, New York City, United States of America (attendance)

- United Nations Commission on Population and Development 20-27 March 2004, New *York City, United States of America (attendance)*
- 10th Anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD+10), 7-11 June 2004, New York, United States and regional meetings related to the review for Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) (attendance)
- First America's Social Forum 25-30 July 2004, Quito, Ecuador (attendance)
- 7th African Regional Conference on Women, 6-14 October 2004, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (attendance)
- ECLAC Regional Meeting, 28 May- 2 June 2004, San Juan, Puerto Rico (attendance)
- ECLAC Regional Meeting, 10-12 November 2004, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago (attendance)
- 9th Session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) 10-12 June 2004, Mexico City, Mexico (attendance)
- Third Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 10-21 May 2004 (attendance)
- Asia Pacific Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Forum Beijing +10, 30 June- 3 July 2004, Bangkok, Thailand (attendance)
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting, 7-10 September 2004, Bangkok, Thailand (attendance)
- 31st Session of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), 6-23 July 2004, New York (attendance)

2005

- 49th Session of the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW) 28 February-11 March 2005 (attendance)
- 61st Session Commission on Human Rights, 14 March -22 April 2005, Geneva, Switzerland (attendance)
- 38th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), 4-8 April 2005, New York, United States (attendance: statement delivered by IWHC President)
- 2005 World Summit, 14-16 September 2005, New York (attendance)

2006

- 51st Session of the CSW, February-10 March 2006, New York (attendance)
- 2006 United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) High Level Meeting on AIDS, 31 May- 2 June 2006, New York (attendance)

Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field and/or at Headquarters

- Civil society representative on the task force of the President of General Assembly, Jan Eliasson, for the 2006 High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS
- Civil Society Coalition on HIV/AIDS, (UNGASS) Review (participant)
- Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordinating Board NGO Delegate 2006-2008 (member)
- 2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS, 31 May- 2 June 2006, New York, United States (In collaboration with UNAIDS, IWHC co-organized the civil society orientation; members of the Civil Society Taskforce co-organized the Informal Interactive Civil Society Hearing)
- Attendance to World Health Organization (WHO) Assembly in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
- Collaboration with UNFPA on an ongoing basis
- Collaboration with UNAIDS on an ongoing basis

iii. Initiatives undertaken by the organization in support of internationally agreed development goals, in particular, the Millennium Development Goals, which now form the basis of the global agenda for the 21st century.

IWHC's program of work directly focuses on five of the eight Millennium Development Goals in the three geographic regions of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Particular concentration is on goal 3. Promote gender equality and empowering women and goal 6. Combat HIV/AIDS malaria and other diseases. IWHC has been a strong voice both internationally and through our support of colleagues in regional and national fora. As part of a multi-layered approach to gender equality and the empowerment of women, IWHC's advocacy work has been to strengthen treaties, agreements and laws to include language on SRHR to ensure that women have clearly stated rights at the policy level. $1.3 million in grants and countless hours of professional and technical support have been given to organizations primarily in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. IWHC supports direct service organizations working for young people's access to sexuality education and health services, is also one of the very few organizations supporting work for access to safe, legal abortion services, promotes youth leadership and engagement in policy advocacy and is working to fight the feminization of the HIV pandemic.

3. Kids Can Free the Children

(Special; 2003)

Part 1 i) Kids Can Free the Children (called "Free the Children") is the largest network of children helping children through education in the world, with more than one million youth involved in our innovative education and development programs in 45 countries. Founded by international child rights activist Craig Kielburger when he was only 12 years old, Free the Children has an established track-record of success, with three nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize and a

partnership with Oprah Winfrey's *Angel Network*. Unlike any other children's charity in the world, Free the Children is both funded and driven by children and youth. The mission is to free young people from the idea that they are powerless to bring about positive social change, and encourage them to act now to improve the lives of young people everywhere.

To help free children from poverty and exploitation, Free the Children implements four development initiatives that together, comprise the organization's "Adopt a Village" program, with the aim of helping children and their communities reach their fullest potential: 1) Building Schools, 2) Alternative Income, 3) Healthcare, Water and Sanitation, 4) Peace-building. All aspects of programming are aimed at ensuring children are given the means and opportunity to attend and stay in school.

Part 2 Contributing Activities to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals

Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education

Free The Children strives to ensure that children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will have access to primary education. Programming undertaken by Free The Children focuses upon ensuring children not only have access to education but also that children remain healthy, have access to clean water and finally that families have the means to pay for school fees, buy uniforms, etc.

ACTIONS:

School Construction and Furnishing

Free the Children constructed schools in the period of 2003-2006 in the following countries:

- **Kenya**: 10 schools 2003-2004, 8 schools 2004-2005, 10 schools 2005-2006
- **Sierra Leone:** 2 schools in 2003-2004, 4 schools 2005-2006
- **China:** 3 schools 2003-2004, 3 schools 2004-2005, 3 schools 2005-2006
- **Ecuador:** 10 schools 2003-2004
- **Ghana:** 1 school 2003-2004, 1 school 2005-2006
- **Sri Lanka **:** 6 schools 2005-2006

** A vocational training centre was also constructed in Sri Lanka in 2006.

Distribution of Medical Supplies

Free The Children distributed approximately one million dollars worth of medical supplies each year between 2003 and 2006. By the end of 2006 over 10 million dollars in supplies had been distributed. These supplies were distributed in the following countries: Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Togo, Zambia, United Republic of Tanzania, India, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Haiti, Jamaica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Nicaragua.

Alternative Income

Free The Children has established alternative income and micro-credit programs that have benefited more than 20,500 marginalized women in Kenya, Ecuador, Sri Lanka, China, Sierra Leone, Ghana

and India, providing them with the necessary income to pay for their children's educational needs. In 2003-2004 17,800 women, in the countries listed above, were empowered through alternative income program. By 2004-2005 that number reached 18,500. Finally, by 2005-2006, over 20,500 women participated in this program.

Distribution of school and health kits

Free The Children continues to distribute school and health kits donated by our vast network of school groups in Canada. The kits provide children with basic hygiene and school supply essentials in Kenya, Ecuador, Sri Lanka, China, Sierra Leone, Ghana and India. In 2003-2005 the number of kits distributed reached over 112,000. By 2004-2005 that number rose to 175,000 being distributed. No kits were distributed between 2005 and 2006.

Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

ACTIONS:

Free The Children works with local communities to construct water and sanitation systems that supply schools and communities with clean water and latrines in the following countries: Kenya, Ecuador, Sri Lanka, China, Sierra Leone, Ghana and India. Between 2003 and 2004 over 115,000 people benefited from the construction of clean water systems. In 2004 to 2005 the total number of beneficiaries was 125,000, while in 2005-2006 the total number of beneficiaries rose to 130,000.

Free The Children's Public Engagement

The Millennium Development Goals are promoted throughout all of Free the Children's speaking tours and youth engagement programs across North America. Speaking tours reach thousands of youth each year and provide them with an empowering and interactive presentation that motivates them to become the change they wish to see in the world. Presentations are delivered to entire schools and followed up with a specialized workshop for eager youth ambassadors within the schools. Curriculum is designed for the workshop segment of the tour using fun and interactive activities that help youth relate to issues such as the Millennium Development Goals, poverty, and health.

Free The Children has not participated in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, in major conferences or other United Nations meetings in this period because it has focused its activities on the development and implementation of programs and campaigns that further the goal of ensuring children around the world have access to primary education. The growth of the organization has been substantial and as activities and growth have stabilized the organization will be looking to explore ways in which it can get more involved in the work of the Economic and Social Council.

4. Resources for the Future

(Special; 1995)

Resources for the Future (RFF) is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization that conducts independent research -- rooted primarily in economics and other social sciences -- on environmental, energy, and natural resource issues. For more than 50 years, RFF has pioneered the application of economics as a

tool to develop more effective policy about the use and conservation of natural resources. Its scholars continue to analyze critical issues concerning pollution control, energy policy, land and water use, hazardous waste, climate change, biodiversity, and the environmental challenges of developing countries.

Effective 1 October 2005, the Board of Directors was granted all of the powers and charged with all of the duties that were previously held by Members of the Corporation under the New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, and former Members were relieved of such duties and powers.

As of 1 September 2005, RFF elected a new President, Philip Sharp, to replace the departing President, Paul Portney.

Resources For the Future research fellows have participated and attended the following conferences:

United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change, Conference of the Parties to the Convention, ninth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies 1-12 December 2003, Milan, Italy. RFF co-hosted four side events with Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) entitled, "The Future of the Kyoto Protocol: Alternatives for the second commitment period and beyond", "Roundtable on Domestic Actions in Major Countries", "Policy Actions Supporting Climate Technology" and "After COP9 – What are the Next Steps?" RFF Senior Fellows, Billy Pizer, Richard Morgenstern, Mike Toman, Richard Newell and Raymond Kopp participated. RFF also collaborated with FEEM, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) to host the side event entitled, "EU-US Cooperation on the Economics of Climate Policy: Preliminary convergences." RFF Senior Fellow Billy Pizer participated as a panelist.

United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change, Conference of the Parties to the Convention, tenth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies 6-17 December 2004, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change, Conference of the Parties to the Convention, eleventh session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies, 28 November 2005 – 9 December 2005, Montreal, Canada. On 8 December 2005 RFF co-hosted a side event with World Resources Institute and the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management entitled, "New issues in emissions trading – the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) model: allocation, offsets, and linkages." The event focused on recent developments with respect to RGGI, a cooperative effort by Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Also during the conference Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) gave his only public address at a side event hosted by RFF and the Swedish foundation Mistra's Climate Policy Research Program (CLIPORE). The event was titled, "Engaging the U.S. In Climate Policy: Recent Developments And Prospects For The Future."

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group 1-3 December 2003, Geneva, Switzerland. Researcher Carolyn Fischer attended the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) workshop on Economic Incentives and Trade Policy.

5. Youth with a Mission

(Special; 2003)

Part I **Introductory Statement:** The objective of Youth With A Mission England is to mobilize and equip individuals to bring help and hope to peoples in places of despair, and to transform the cultural, economic and spiritual lives of people in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and in the world, through education, training, relief and development.

The *Centre for International Justice and Reconciliation* (CIJR) is the public policy branch of Youth With A Mission (YWAM), England. YWAM England has over 500 members of staff in England and currently has over 450 British volunteers working in projects overseas involved in relief and development, education and training with other national branches of YWAM International worldwide.

Aims and Purpose: Members of our organization are involved in various areas of social and economic development with particular interest and involvement in gender issues, human trafficking, poverty alleviation, children at risk, indigenous issues, HIV/AIDS, conflict resolution. Members of CIJR work very closely with members of YWAM International (16,000 staff in over 160 Nations) and with other NGOs around the world who are doing relief and development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

One of the aims of CIJR is to promote knowledge of the principles and activities of the United Nations, particularly as they pertain to promoting peace and justice around the world. We are committed to bringing understanding and furthering the United Nations work, particularly disseminating information about the United Nations and its work to our constituency (primarily Christians). We are committed to furthering the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG's).

The work of CIJR also involves analyzing links between religion and culture and looking at how religion shapes attitudes and values that can either help or hinder both the processes of social and economic development and the promotion of human rights. We support the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations mandate for peace.

PART II

A. Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings:

Attendance at United Nations, New York – Chair and other representatives of YWAM

2004 Commission on the Status of Women (48th session), United Nations Headquarters, New York 1st – 12th March 2004 [5 Attendees]

2005 Commission on the Status of Women (49th session), United Nations Headquarters, New York, 28th February – 11th March 2005 [9 Attendees]

General Assembly Informal Interactive Hearings with non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector, United Nations Headquarters, New York 23rd – 24th June 2005 [3 Attendees]

DPI/NGO Annual Conference (58th session), United Nations Headquarters, New York, 7th – 9th September 2005 [2 Attendees]

2006 Commission on the Status of Women (50th session), United Nations Headquarters, New York, 27 February – 10 March 2006 [2 Attendees]

United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on HIV/AIDS, United Nations Headquarters, New York 31st May – 2nd June 2006 [4 Attendees, including HIV/AIDS expert Mr. Sam Kisolo from Uganda]

Attendance at United Nation, Geneva – Chair and other representatives of YWAM

2004 UNECE Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 10 years Review and Appraisal of the Beijing Platform for Action, United Nations, Geneva 14th – 15th December 2004 [10 Attendees]

2006 United Nations Human Rights Council (1st session), United Nations, Geneva, 19 – 30 June 2006 [1 Attendee]

Civil Society Forum Preparatory to the United Nations Economic and Social Council High Level Segment, United Nations, Geneva, 19 – 21 June 2006 [1 Attendee]

B. Written Interventions

In 2005, Youth With A Mission - England submitted a commentary on *"The President's Draft Negotiating Document for the High-Level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly of September 2005" submitted by the President of the General Assembly – 6 September 2005* on gender mainstreaming and development issues. ( )

Also in 2005 after the Follow-up to the outcome of the **Millennium Summit**, Youth With A Mission - England submitted a commentary on *"In Greater Freedom"* in response to the Secretary-General's Report **In larger freedom: towards development, security and human rights for all** (A/59/2005) on gender issues, human rights and United Nations reforms. ( )

C. Oral Intervention

In 2005, Youth With A Mission-England representative Ms. Philippa Newis made an oral intervention on the role and rights of young girls at the Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly as a participant for the Hearings on Freedom to Live in dignity cluster on 23 June 2005

D. Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field

Youth With A Mission has worked in partnership with World Food Program in Indonesia and with the United Nations Volunteers programme for the implementation of the project "Post Tsunami Livelihood Rehabilitation in Banda Aceh", within the framework of the UNV project "Support to Tsunami Rehabilitation and Recovery in Aceh and North Sumatra". Mr G. Stephen Goode contributed best practices from YWAM field experience at the UNAIDS XV International AIDS conference, Bangkok, 11th – 16th July 2004.

E. Initiatives undertaken by Youth With A Mission - England in partnership with other YWAM organs and NGO's to advance the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals

- **Goal 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger**
  - YWAM international in partnership with other local NGO's annually runs feeding programs that feed about 100,000 people in Africa and Asia. In Cambodia and Uganda alone we have run Nutrition training programs for 20,000 mothers
- **Goal 2. Achieve universal primary education**
  - YWAM international in partnership with other local NGO's caters to the needs of primary education for 20,000+ children annually both in urban slums and rural areas in regions across the world.
- **Goal 3. Promote gender equality and empower women**
  - YWAM international runs seminars on income generation and poverty alleviation for over 10,000 rural and indigenous women annually across South America, Asia and Africa.
- **Goal 6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases**
  - YWAM international has HIV/AIDS training centres in 50 locations in Africa and Asia. We have given HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention courses for 50,000 people and administered care for 10,000+ AIDS victims around the world.
- **Goal 7. Ensure environmental sustainability**
  - YWAM international in partnership with other local NGO's has provided access to clean water using sustainable methods to islands in the Asia-Pacific region enhancing the quality of life of over 26,000 people.
  - In partnership YWAM has provided sanitary services in over 1,000 schools, specifically in Cambodia, Viet Nam, Thailand and Myanmar.

F. Youth With A Mission staff member Ms. Sunny Yun completed in July 2005 an internship at the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of United Nations. She worked on updating the UN-NGO-IRENE monthly newsletter. YWAM-England holds annual membership with The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO).